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Navy Yard Injuries.

An interesting situation prevails at the Washington Navy Yard among the employes of the naval gun factory by reason of the operation of the so-called "liability act." That law placed upon the Department of Commerce and Labor certain responsibilities when injuries occurred to the workmen in line of duty. At navy yards the emergency relief devolves upon the naval medical officers who have discovered, as a result of their experience under the law, that the present assumes that all its employes are honest government knows practically nothing about a man's physical condition until e receives an injury, and after that time must disprove the man's statement before it can prevent a fraud from being perpetrated. It is maintained insurance business it should fortify itself in a businesstike way by having employes pass a physical examination, with the government may be able to ascertain to what extent it is liable for the condition of a man after his injury. It has been recommended that such examinations should be made out of working

eral of the Navy devotes some space to a discussion of this aspect of an important situation, and it is alleged that wages are "either the ignorance of workmen, the disonesty of some practitioners of medicine, the language of the sanitary officer at the Washington Navy Yard. It would seem entirely proper to require naval medical officers on duty at navy yards to con tinue their observation of injured employes beyond the stage of first-aid dressyard, especially as it has been found that results in this direction have been most government has saved money; for though a few more drugs and dressings have been expended, less time has been lost time not employed, while the case is being constantly under observation, the time for return to work is practically in the hands of the government itself, ever as it is with enlisted men."

There is assuredly much to be said in favor of governmental control of the circumstances by which there shall be a full knowledge of an employe's physical condition before and after his injury, Then it will be possible to decide exactly under the law.

One trouble with getting an economi cal session of Congress is that there are so many kinds of economists.

Public Loan Shops.

Kansas City, which has won an enviable reputation for up-to-date municipal activity, has set the country another good example in the starting of a public loan shop under the direction of its board of public welfare. It is hoped that it will serve the public in many ways. By issuing loans on approved security, even if salaried employes, household effects, or what not, at a reasonable rate of interest, it promises to solve the problem of the "loan shark" in a just and equitable way. It will so cut down the profits of the "loan shark" that he is likely to seek

In New York, recently, the proprietors of pawn shops have been complaining that the police no longer furnish then with lists of stolen property, so that they cannot protect themselves from taking in pledge stolen loot which, when found the owners without reimbursement to the pawnbroker. This has led to talk in New York of establishing a municipal pawn shop, and other municipalities, knowing how such an institution works in Paris, where it has been long established, have also been considering it.

Such an idea has much to commend it. The private pawn shop, even when honan incentive to thievery. It is the first place to which the thief goes to dispose pawn shops that are not any too careful This duty, together with the cost of to inquire as to the ownership of the goods terest reduced to the lowest point at distribute the toys to the impatient which the place could be conducted with- stockings, will make Nuremberg's bill out loss, would not only be a great aid and benefit to the honest poor, but would be a strong deterrent to the crook. markets where Santa Claus buys toys,

It is said that President Taft will advocate the parcels post, but some influential gentlemen will doubtless come ing it.

Snow in Washington.

It takes only one or two days of fairly neavy snow to demonstrate to the citi-enough at times about Washington, the beautiful city, but we cannot make a beautiful city with fine buildings, artistic ...\$1.80 per year vantages.

thousands of visitors within our gates, contributions, and no communications to the condition of the city's business streets will be printed except over the is disgraceful. Not even at the important crossings has there, apparently, been any be returned if unavailable, but stamps effort made to clear away the snow and those mules down the Avenue. should be sent with the manuscript for the slush. Little islands of ice and snow, rising above the slush, give the only chance of passage from curb to curb, and newspaper, whether for the daily or the chance of passage from curb to curb, and been so busy hiding si has no time to preside. much better. Appropriations are certainly New York Representative, J. C. WILBERDING available for keeping the city clean, its streets wholesome.

Some signs of activity in the streetleaning department would be gratefully welcomed.

And Secretary Meyer seems to have followed his chief's example in urging

America's Debt to von Steuben. charge than that of national gratitude. The great contrast that exists between the meager beginnings of this country that the patriot founders received. In the around Christmas time. ong list of sympathizers, no name stand higher than that of Frederick William von Steuben, whom Franklin enlisted and whom Washington appointed as inspecto general of colonial forces, 134 years ago, in the distressful days of Valley Forge. The one thing that was needed to help our fathers to that for which they had freely given wealth, labor, and even life itself to secure was the self-sacrificing efforts of von Steuben when he organize dispirited, ragged, and hungay men, whose

the American army. Out of a handful of supreme efforts had been misguided and rendered futile by incompetent leader- titles and sworn allegiance to the United ship, von Steuben, from a rich store of States. What's the name of the heiress? practical military knowledge, gained on the battlefields of the Seven Years' War and from his close intimacy with that great soldier, Frederick the Great, molded smokes cigarettes. a disciplined, well-trained, and inspired army that won the victories to which the United States owes its very existence, In the development of the country there has been a unifying proces that has welded into a remarkable solidarity of citizenship those who have come to us from other lands. The unveiling, yesterday, of the fine statue to

paid for much time that is lost, through Baron von Steuben vividly recalls the of this national hero. In every department of letters. German-Americans of profound cholarship and intellectual brilliand have been among the leaders of American thought. In the professions, whereever academic or technical scholarship is demanded, its representatives confer turing and commercial development of trifle more optimistic if the freight rates port of a President who seriously the United States the German-American citizen has made a deep impression on foundations. In the arts and music the so much o' nights must be of the heartcontributions are most conspicuous. So less variety. prominent a part has this eminently respected body of the people of this country played in all that pertains to national greatness, that the historian of the fu ture will find in the annals of the country voluminous records, of conspicuous and brilliant contributions from the Ger-

But it was no sectional or class honor that was paid to the memory of Baron von Steuben in the enthusiastic demon to what extent the government is liable stration that the National Capital witnessed yesterday. The welfare of the nation depended upon his great services to such an extent that all Americans delighted in freely acknowledging the debt. A memory that evokes such hearty enthusiasm as did that of von Steuben, after so many years, is assured of a permanent niche in the archives of the

man-American.

nation and in the hearts of its citizens. In England when they do not like speaker they throw fish at him. In this country they yell "Get the hook!"

Toymakers of Nuremberg.

If the children could only get hold of consular reports, they would have no fear this year that Santa Claus is not going to be amply supplied with toys for Christmas time. For Nuremberg, Germany, is the real headquarters of Santa Claus, and the toymakers of Nuremberg have been unusually busy this year. They make toys for the children of all the world at Nuremberg, though of all the countries the United States is the best customer. It would delight the hearts of many youngsters to know that the toymakers of Nuremberg will this year be paid something like \$2,200,000 for toys for good children, and, in spite of all the talk about hard times, this is about 15 per cent more than they re-

ceived last year. "Uncle Sam" is usually a benevolent old gentleman around Christmas time, but he insists on getting his due, and Nuremberg toys, even if they are for the children, must not, so he declares, be allowed to compete with the toymakers of this country, if there are any: and so the Nuremberg toys will pay "Uncle Sam's" collector, Mr. Loeb, a duty of 35 per cent, or about \$770,000. fense.' bringing the toys across the Atlantic objected the court, "and somebody offered for pledge. A municipal pawn shop, Ocean, and the profits the dealers will should be punished." have to make before Santa Claus can run up to something like \$6,000,000.

Then, of course, there are many other

result of its establishment and its prac- thing indicates that this is to be a tical workings will, undoubtedly, be of record-breaking Christmas for the chilthe greatest interest to other municipali- dren of America. God bless 'em-every one!

The difference between the street car trouble in Cleveland and other large cities is that Cleveland is kicking about here for the express purpose of oppos- inadequate service at a 3-cent fare, and other places kick about inadequate service at any old fare.

In spite of the fact that the President's message contained nearly 40,000 zens of Washington and the city's guests interested in what it did not say as in

> Well, the magazines show that there is one place where Dr. Cook is still

A Parisian actor fought a duel with a Parisian dramatic critic and the news-With Congress just in session, with paper man got a sword through his right lung, thus proving that the actor was right and the critic wrong.

> Whether Champ Clark said it or not the fact remains that he didn't drive

Madero may have been, as he says elected President of Mexico, but he has been so busy hiding since then that he

With the chefs of Vassar College on strike, the young lady students haven't any idea how in the world they are going to get dinner.

Swift & Co. announce that January they will vote an increase of fifteen millions in their capital stock. This shows that the ultimate consumer

They named a newly discovered stone No obligation is more pleasing to dis- after Mr. Morgan. They may have thought Mr. Rockefeller's name too significant.

intellectual growth emphasizes the help the money looks smaller than usual

It is not simply in terms of affection that they sometimes call Congress dear.

President Taft seems to be emulating the example of President Diaz, and offering the olive branch to the insurgents.

With the heads of the bathtub trust indicted, it looks as if there might be a general cleaning up.

Would it not be nice for Mr. Taft if a President could only get an ex-Presi-

An Italian count has renounced his

Indiana, had few or no enemies, yet There is danger that the President's

message may be regarded as too progressive by the regulars and too regular by the progressives. Oscar Hammerstein is going to present operas in London. Life must seem dull

tending with the artistic temperament. A few more jail sentences will make contributions made to our general perjury unpopular with overjealous young bridegro

o him without the excitement of con-

It might be better if more of us would stick to our waterways.

The Germans now have a rifle deigned to ignite airships. Now they can see the fire fly. Would not the railroad presidents who

It has now been proved that dogs may live without hearts. Those that bark

A Paris aviator recently fell 600

could survive such a come down,

We agree with the President that com nissions may aid the members of Congress more than some of their omissions

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

A SAD JOLT.

Dad doesn't grudge a single dime That goes for toys. He says that Christmas is the time For girls and boys. It is a pleasure, he asserts,

To buy ma's furs; But there is one expense that hurts, So dad avers

Dad hands the servants goodly tips And extra pay; Into his pocketbook he dips In kindly way. But in the lute appears a rift. It jars dad so To have to buy a Christmas gift

For sister's beau. Just Like Dress Goods.

"They say a woman can't select Christmas cigars." "Nonsense. I've been sounding my

Unselfish Ma.

"Mother detests ice cream." "That's odd," "It's this way. It pains her to have o eat her share instead of saving it a ouple of days for one of the kids.'

A Waste of Time. "Wouldn't be worth while. I expect to

Affer the Wedding. They've had of quarrels quite a few And tell us that's All due to some mean guest who threw A pair of spats.

swear off the first of the year.'

Had Seen Him. "Jimmy, do you believe in Santa

"Sure! I've seen him. He wears false

"We ask that the defendant be placed on probation," said counsel for the de-"But a crime has been committed."

Somebody Punished.

"Well, judge, these jurors have been looked up for nine solid weeks." Fresh When He Arrived. "The candy he brought me last night

wasn't very fresh." "Why didn't you complain?"
"I wasn't in a position to. I had kept The public lean shop of Kansas City is, I though none of the toys are quainter him waiting a long time,"

kind to be started in this country. The the output of Nuremberg. But every-SEEN BY LEADING EDITORS

dent, in his message to the country, expresses the country's need and desire The discontented will complain that the message is not "progressive." The sober sense of the people has already recognized that true progress is not made in agitation and tumult, but by steadfast words, there were a lot of people as much President, midway of his first term, has ever presented such a record of positive chievement, with so little of self-asserlead the country in the paths of lawful security, peace, and confidence will not be disappointed of their hope.

> a single sensational paragraph in the President's long message. It is for the most part a chronicis of peace and prosperity. The message is dated "The White word. House, December 6, 1010," but it does not personal pronoun is chiefly conspicuous by its absence. When it is used, as in these concluding words of the message, concluding words of the message, well as to the people at large. believe it to be in the interest of all in addition to enforcing the existing law, be directed toward the economy of admin istration and the enlargement of oppor tunities for foreign trade, the building up of home industries and the strengthening of confidence of capital in domesti

New York Herald: Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation expressed himself as extremely pleased with the President's message. Judge Gary had studied the message carefully.

That husiness interests and investors i Although the government has not yet flection of their own sentiments in Mr. tion tending to regulate business, is the belief of Judge Gary.

"The President's message," he said, "is a good state paper, an able document that is well written, well put together, and in which Mr. Taft has expressed clearly and forcibly his views on all the great ques-tions in which the country at large is interested. The message is a mine of information, touching on a great number of cause of this it will be widely read by all classes of people.

New York American: The tone of the President's message is admirable. It deals lucidly and frankly with every subject garding the writ of injunction; to the onsidered, and contains no dark corners or subterfuges. It is as straightforward as the character of the man that wrote it. Without bluster or timidity, it sets forth the state of the country and rallies the We thought that Gov. Marshall, of confidence of the people. The President stands in wholesome con-

some one has started a report that he trast to his predecessor in his appreciation of the honesty and efficiency of the great body of American business men and in his steadying counsels for the encouragement of enterprise and the establishment of credit.

Baltimore Sun: There is nothing startstockholders. The touch-and-go reader will not find it particularly interesting honor upon the class. In the manufac- are now predicting hard times become a ficial or perfunctory. It is the serious receives of his duties as administrative be sure, is not entirely lacking, for the President is anxious to justify himtions like the tariff and conservation; but vement on the personal and political proadsides of his late predecess feet without serious injury. Few people matter of official record for the official files 30,000 words may not be too many or such a message, but if the Congressional or lay mind is to be reached the value of any message increases inversely with its length, and certainly many of Mr. Taft's lengthy summaries could well have been left to the departmental re- From the St. Paul Pioneer-Press ports.

Baltimore American: Mr. Taft does not feel it to be his duty to churn the country with agitating comments upon trusts. He realizes that the issue is now before the Supreme Court, and he is content to leave it there, with the assurance that the highest judiciary, in passing upon the cases of first importance before it, will do more to clarify the popular judgment than any one, no matter what his position, could do by anticipatory obervations as to the range and intent of the Sherman anti-trust law and the present accountability of monopolies under its terms. In this respect the mes sage will be quieting. sickened of mere agitation, with induspopular excitement. Mr. Taft does not reflect any of the superficial agitation over the relations of the rate question, but his outline of the duties and responsibilities of the Interstate Commer Commission leaves no room for doubt husband, and I find he likes light cigars. to his confidence in this body as the All you have to do is to match the final repository of matters relative to the placing of transportation in a right position toward trade. This right position must be one of common equity, in which the consumer will be the paramount person.

Philadelphia Record: The business world will be able to read the message without any fluttering of its serves, though it recommends an appro "How'd you like to join our athletic priation to enable the Interstate Commerce Commission to make a physical valuation of railroads, which may no meet the approval of the latter. This physical valuation is only one of many elements that enter into the rate ques tion, but in the recent hearings befor the commission so much has been said of the necessity of earnings that will afford a certain return upon the capitalization that it has become important to asertain approximately how far the capitalization represents actual investment. The President would considerably extend what has been called "government by commission." He would have the tariff board made permanent, and have changes of the tariff made a schedule at a time, after investigation by, and on the recommendation of, this b The method has much to recommend it provided that Congress and public senti ent will accept the conclusions of men specially qualified to investigate com mercial matters. Thus far Congress ha shown little disposition to respect the ecommendations of outside commis The President would also have public buildings provided for in accordance with the recommendations of a board of experts, which it will be a difficult thing to bring Congress to consent to.

army engineers may be regarded as a

Philadelphia Public Ledger: The Presi- body of experts on river and harbor work. The President would have a commission to prepare a scheme for the improvement of the military establishment, including the co-ordination of the army

and the National Guard. New York Evening Post: It is a disappointing form which President Taft has given his annual message to Congress. In the first place, it is inordinately long. It can be neither generally tion, and those who have trusted him to read, nor even printed. But the second criticism which must be made of the message is more serious. It is not inspiring; it gives no positive lead. This will be the more depressing to the President's party, because in the hour of defeat, and in a time of great confusion, it would have welcomed a vigorous initiative, would have hailed a new watch-Instead of issuing a call to action,

bear Mr. Taft's name at the end and the Mr. Taft has written a tedious judicial positions review. There are excellent taken in it, and many sound principles such a scheme as has now been adopted. are laid down; but it is not the productic adds a welcome emphasis to a declaration of a born leader, scanning the political field and seeing where broken ranks not only relieve the King's private section which will cause great contents. It is not to be readed as the standard of the western hemisphere is not only relieve the King's private section. ment to the business community, as can be formed again and fresh heart retaries of a great deal of unnecessary put into discouraged men. Dissecting out from the mass of the

the people of the country that for the president's recommendations and disting being the activities of government, cussions the matters on which attention bring about a thoroughly businesslike and economical administration of public affairs. What he has done and proposes to do to eliminate waste, cut of extravagance, and heighten efficiency deserves nothing but praise and support.

New York Tribune: President Taft's emarkable success in obtaining from Congress at its last session the passage of practically all the important measures he recommended leaves him in a position to say with peculiar propriety all parts of the country will find a re- that the laws already enacted should be tested in the light of experience before and the present marvelous material and issued those smaller-sized bank notes. Taft's attitude toward commerce and any further legislation along the same trade, particularly toward future legisla- lines is attempted. "If this test," he writes, "develops a need for further legislation, well and good, but until then let us execute what we have." Accordingly, the President does not

upon Congress any proposals in which the business of the country will felt in the recent amendments of the interstate commerce act and in the various attempts to amend the Sherman The regulative policies of the administration the President regards as "clinched," for the present at least, and he turns away to less exciting themes-to the subject of conservation, for example; to that of legislation resimplification of judicial procedure, which is always present to his mind, and, among the foremost, to the neces sity of economy, to which he constantly recurs as different departments of the Federal government and different topics are discussed in this all-embracing mes-

Over and over again the need of economy is enforced

New York Journal of Commerce: Presthe President this attitude toward the legitimate corporate and commercial instructive departments that it present each of her maids with a gold daily happenings. In regard to his physical condition, he is somewhat of a faministrative departments that it presents of the country, there will be grave guestion whether the time has come to terests of the country, there will be grave question whether the time has come to call a halt, even a temporary halt, on Federal legislation for the proper, adequate, and effective supervision of trusts and corporations doing an interstate busi
tof the grave remember and comments that it prescribes the country, there will be grave question whether the time has come to comment, and we prefer to confine our attention to such as relate to the trade interests of the country. He says that our foreign trade "merits the best support right to use the prefix "royal." All instigues that it preserves and institutions of the grave remember and the work of the Lord Chamberlain's department. One of the most important of these deals with the granting to societies and institutions of the accounted for.

Mr. Wilson first became interested in transportation by water exactly fifty. ling or sensational in President Taft's all cases need a foreign market, are cer-30,000-word message to Congress. It is a tain to become dependent upon it;" but comprehensive survey of the state of the he displays a very limited conception of Union, and reads not unlike the annual how foreign trade is best to be promoted stances of misappropriation of the prefix, meant lower rates and larger profits; be report of a corporation executive to his and foreign markets are to be obtained. More satisfactory is the

reference to domestic trade interests. bills of lading a safe security for banking advances and punish fraud in their ssue; and he refrains from re ing any further amendment of the interthe present. It seems to him, as it has tion of the laws on the statute books in restraining abuses which certainly did exist and which roused the public to demand reform."

The Pioneer's Penalty.

in mid-air. It was one of the chances heretofore. The King always was of the long since has been guarded against, taken from any institution that is prop-The accident that caused his death dis- erly entitled to use it. closed an unsuspected point of strain and would not have been made known by an ncreased safety for all who may navigate the air in future.

CHRIST MY REFUGE.

By MARY BAKER EDDY. O'er waiting harpstrings of the

There sweeps a strain, Low, sad, and sweet, whose measures bind The power of pain,

And wake a white-winged angel throng Of though illumed By faith, and breathed in raptured song.

With love perfumed. Then His unveiled, sweet mercies show Life's burdens light, I kiss the cross and wait to know

And o'er earth's troubled, angry

A world more bright.

I see Christ walk.

And come to me and tenderly, Divinely talk. Thus Truth engrounds me on the

rock Upon life's shore, 'Gainst which the winds and waves can shock Oh, nevermore.

From tired joy and grief afar And nearer Thee Father, where Thine our children are I love to be.

My prayer some daily good to do To Thine, for Thee; An off'ring pure of Love whereto

NEW REGULATIONS OF BRITISH COURT

When the British royal pair were at When the British royal pan who is at the New Whilart.

Balmoral last summer, they had under its inhabitants may be no better than consideration a number of alterations in serfs; Diaz may be the most despotic serfs; Diaz may be the most despotic. some of which have already come into effect, though others will not come into operation until the court is in permanent residence at Buckingham Palace.

One of the most important of the new regulations is that by which the four chief officials of the household, namely, the lord chamberlain, the master of the household. steward, will meet at regular periods to confer on the working of their respective departments, and to settle questions that constantly are arising among them. Under the old regime, when the work of,

say, the department of the master of horse brought that official into conflict with the the King's instructions on the matter.

of the departments concerned.

ught to be fixed, we note with pleasure but the number of non-resident equerries, drop just here from a height of more that Mr. Taft persists in his efforts to who are put on the list in rotation every than a mile to 730 feet. This is the work on the officials affected by it. cut, ins.
The presence of the mistress of the Panama.

robes at court will be required far more ence of her mistress of the robes on ocformed by Miss Knollys.

It is the wish of both King George and Queen Mary that the mistress of the robes should resume chief control of the Queen's household, and in consequence that Tehuantepec furnished the best short the Duchess of Devonshire will be a cut to the Pacific. He was especially impressed by the statement that the great deal at court. When the court is at Windsor Castle the duchess will be Europe and to the Atlantic coast of the in residence, but when the Queen is at United States than Panama, and he de feel such a degree of interest as it has Buckingham Palace the duchess, of termined to take quick advantage of the course, will reside at her own town fact. A second canal was quite residence, Devonshire House,

when their presence and attendance at court is required. When the court is at the necessary funds were quickly raised Windsor one of the maid always will be and the work begun. Before the required to be in attendance.

custom of giving a dowry of £100 to a maid of honor when she marries, but against this her pay will be reduced by £100 a year. Queen Alexandra raised the pay of her maids of honor by this amount Harbors Congress, is not only one of the annually, but she stopped the dowry money. In the present reign the maids will receive three hundred a year in-

stead of four hundred. New York Journal of Commerce: President Taft's annual message is so interminably long and is so far devoted to a discursive review of the government's present each of her maids with a gold and the same time. She will present each of her maids with a gold daily happenings. In regard to his physical properties of the same time and the s

of the government and the most earnest tutions that are properly entitled to use endeavors of our manufacturers and merchants, who, if they do not already in at the Lord Chamberlain's office, but a Obion River, ninety-two miles north of acts as a great help in obtaining subscrip- if the river were cleaned out and deepthe right of any society or institution to style itself "royal," and numbers of so- land is exceedingly fertile.

no longer be permitted to do so. Already person state commerce or anti-trust statutes for one institution has been peremptorily orcome to seem to many others, that "the dered to cease designating itself "royal," existing legislation with reference to the and as a result several others, not enin the main the message is a vast im- regulation of corporations and the re- titled to use the prefix, have dropped it traint of their business has reached a voluntarily. In one case that recently point where we can stop for a while and came to light, it was ascertained that ures. But with all his business he has witness the effect of the vigorous execu- a society which existed practically for never lost interest in the waterway probpushing the sale of a certain American patent medicine described itself on its circulars as "royal," though it carefully refrained from doing so more openly. In future no society not registered as the country on this quest royal" will be allowed to designate it-"Something broke" when Mr. Johnstone, self as such, and the privilege to use the one of the most skillful of aviators, was prefix will not be so readily granted as the pioneer travelers on railway trains opinion that it is one which has been too took, one of the risks involved in the easily secured. Of course the right to use of the first elevators, a chance that designate itself as "royal" will not be

In the same way the claims of royal equal care. There are a number of peo-

in person. There is no question that that Mr. Roosevelt will return to public there are many bogus royal warrant life and Washington." holders, and it is a matter of much importance, both to the public and to the genuine warrant holders, that the matter should be carefully investigated. And, by the way, I am told that in the matter of bestowing orders, King George will not be nearly as liberal as was his father. The Victorian Order and the

record that the Victorian Order actually was refused.

Last, but by no means least—the court of the present reign will be anything but may, in large part, be ascribed to the of the present reign will be anything but an extravagant one, as both the King and his Queen are of a very economical disposition and absolutely hate waste in any form. For that reason, as I have had occasion to explain in these letters before, they have dismissed a number of useless servants and holders of sinecures. at Windser and Buckingham Palace, and news in every field of scientific and prachave decided to make those who remain tical research. do a little more work and ceuse to be

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FLANEUR.

in one another's way,

From Success Tommy was called upon in the Latin verb "delay." With a blank look upon most active missionaries for American his face he nudged his companion and ideas and ideals. said, "Say, what is it?" His schoolmate replied: "Darn if I

AT THE HOTELS.

"Mexico may be as barbarous as you lease," said John H. Hines, of Seattle, and tyrannical of dictators, but the fact remains that Mexico and Diaz, between them, have put one over on the United States that is causing some of the statesmen here more worry than they are at all willing to admit.

"Everybody knows that California is the Southern Pacific's own particular the master of the horse, and the lord freight to California means to ship it back yard. Everybody knows that to ship over the Southern Pacific. Very well. Now, listen to this paradox. More transcontinental freight-freight which originated in the Eastern States-came into California by water last year than

was brought in by the Southern Pacific. lord chamberlain's department, etiquette Mr. Hines. "But the Panama Canal isn't "Panama Canal, of course," continued forbade a meeting of these two officials, half dug yet. Then those freight-carryand the question at issue between them ing ships must have sailed all the way was referred to the King's secretary for around Cape Horn. They didn't. And just When Lord Farquhar was regulating sight, and the exceeding shrewdness of the late King's household, he proposed the despotic Diaz and his advisers.

"This is a railroad story. It is a railbut for various reasons it was never road story so big that a little study of down near the southern end of Mexico, work, but will greatly expedite the work where the neck of the continent narrows to a little strip only 125 miles in width. The number of equerries and lords-in- Notice, too, how the Sierra Madre Mounwaiting in residence is to be reduced, tains, the rocky continental backbone, fortnight for attendance at the palace, Isthmus of Tehuantepec, which was will be increased. This regulation will where a great many engineers and exmake for economy without putting extra perts thought the canal should have been cut, instead of far to the south, at

"The late Admiral Shufeldt, for inconstantly than was the case in the last stance, after going over the ground with few years of King Edward's reign, when a committee of prominent engineers, re-Queen Alexandra only required the pres- ported that a canal through this isthmus is practically an extension of the Miscasions of great state ceremony, and sissippi River to the Pacific Ocean. It many of the duties attaching to her office, as a matter of fact, were per- American lake, and in time of war it would close that Gulf to all comers. So to speak, it renders our own territory

circumnavigable "Diaz listened carefully to all the arguments advanced in the way of proving sible. A railroad, then, over which freight The maids of honor in future will be might be trans-shipped from steamers on notified by the mistress of the robes the Atlantic side to waiting ships on the Pacific. Aided by financiers and railroad builders of the United States and Europe project was fairly under way, the Tehuan Queen Mary intends to revert to the old tepec Railroad across the isthmus was completed and opened for business

William M. Wilson, of Obion, Tenn. who is here attending the Rivers and personal viewpoint. Although he is Queen Alexandra only had four maids eighty-two years old, he does not give the honor, while Queen Victoria had ten. impression of extreme age. He is up on

great many use it who are not entitled Memphis, and he foresaw the benefit tions. Except in one or two glaring in- ened in spots. Water transportation no trouble was ever taken to investigate sides, much lowland could be redeemed cieties availed themselves of this state of have been partially fulfilled, and the reaffairs to do so without proper authority. sults have been as he foresaw many years before this means of transportation

was seriously thought of by the average Partially through his utilization of lowlands redeemed from the Obion River, Mr. Wilson has become a wealthy man. In fact, he might be said to rank in the "capitalist" class, for his fortune is generally placed at well over seven fig-He attended the first congress which was held at New Orleans nine years ago, and since then has not missed one, with the natural result that he is considered one of the leading experts of

vital interest to the United States. John H Schumann, of Brooklyn, who came here to attend the Steuben ceremonies, is at the Arlington. Mr. Schumann is a prominent banker of Brooklyn, being president of the German Savings Bank and other financial institutions.

Speaking of the effect of the last litical upheaval. Mr. Schumann said: "The very people who helped to defeat weakness in biplanes, a weakness that warrant holders will be investigated with Roosevelt in New York and elsewhere are to-day regretting that they did operator less daring than he, and means ple claiming to be royal warrant hold- They did not figure that the catastrophe ers who are not, though they or their predecessors in business may have been know, in consequence, what is awaiting at one time. All the royal warrants them now at the hands of a Democratic to trades people expire automatically at Congress. It was their intention to teach death of the sovereign in England, Mr. Roosevelt a nice little lesson not to and there is no obligation on the part of interfere in their business affairs and the new King to renew them. In the late the manner of their transaction, so far reign little attention was given to see- as honesty was concerned; but they did ing that the royal warrants were re- not expect to reap the whirlwind. I am newed, and a large number of trades- afraid they bit off more than they can people continued to describe themselves chew. And so far as Roosevelt is conwarrant holders who never applied cerned he is to-day looked upon in the or permission to do so.

The registered lists of the royal warthis country as a stanch, patriotic Amerrant holders now will be carefully investi- ican-citizen, who has rendered invaluable gated, and will be examined by the King services to his country. I firmly believe

Hungarians are great readers, according to Herman Ferenz Tancos, of Budapest,

Hungary, who is at the Riggs. "There is scarcely a village in Hungary without a library of at least a few volumes, and those towns which have no library are supplied by means of traveling Imperial Service Order were so freely libraries; and what is more, there is distributed in the late reign that they scarcely a town of any pretension in ceased to be very highly valued, and in Hungary that has not a well-arranged more than one instance it is a matter of

"In this respect Hungary probably are eager for information and the latest

"Hungarians are great admirers of America," concluded Mr. Tancos, "and there are many families in Hungary who. when young, emigrated to the United States, where they worked and their earnings, and after they had acumulated a nice competency returned to class to give the principal parts of the their native land, where they are now

Where Animals Fall Short.

From the Louisville Courier-Jos Tommy's eyes brightened, and with a The elephant Queen, executed for murrelieved expression on his face he thun-dered out; "Darn-if-I-know, darn-if-I-nare, darn-if-I-navi, darn-if-I-natum." der in New York, was a dumb brute without the eleverness or funds to hire an alienist to prove her irresponsible.